

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 52 (ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES), ARTICLE V (HOURS), SECTION 52-16 (“HOURS OF BUSINESS”) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER SO AS TO AMEND THE HOURS OF OPERATION TO PERMIT ALCOHOLIC SALES TO COMMENCE AT 9 AM ON SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS**

WHEREAS, the Township Council wishes to amend Section 52-16 of the municipal code of the Township of Bridgewater to permit the sale of alcoholic beverages commencing at 9 am on Saturdays and Sundays;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Bridgewater, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that Chapter 4, Articles XIV and Section 52-16, is hereby amended as follows:

**SECTION I.**

Section 52-16 (Hours of Business) is hereby amended as follows (struck through portions are to be removed; bolded and underlined portions are to be added):

No licensee shall sell, serve or deliver, or allow, permit or suffer the sale, service or delivery of, any alcoholic beverage between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. on weekdays and the hours of 2:00 a.m. and ~~4~~**9**:00 a.m. on **Saturdays and** Sundays.

SECTION II. If any part of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the ordinance.

SECTION III. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, or clause of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reasons, the remaining portions of this ordinance shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect and, to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

SECTION IV. This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and publication in the manner required by New Jersey general law but, in no event, less than 20 days after its final passage by the Township Council and approval by the Mayor, where such approval is required pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:69A-181(b).

Adopted: March 2, 2023

Effective: March 23, 2023